

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-58 Building Date: 1840, 1941  
Building Name: Perrywood  
Location: 13401 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Perrywood is a five-by-three bay rectangular dwelling with low three bay east and west wings. It stands on a 29 acre parcel in the rural central County. The house is reached by two long gravel tree-lined access roads, one from Enterprise Road and the other from Oak Grove Road. The five-bay north (main) facade has central entrance. Windows on the facade are 6/6 sash with plain wood surrounds and louvered shutters. The entry door and two flanking windows are sheltered by a three-bay entrance porch with four Doric columns. There are flat pilasters where the porch roof meets the wall. The house is sided with flush horizontal wood siding, having narrow corner boards. It stands on a high brick foundation with windows in window wells. There is a wide frieze and modillioned overhanging cornice. The hipped slate roof of the main block is surmounted by a "widow's walk" with a wooden balustrade. The interior has a central hall with flanking double parlors. The Perrywood grounds are landscaped and quite scenic.

Significance

Perrywood is architecturally significant for features of the main block dating from its construction ca. 1840. The Georgian floor plan and dimensions of the main block may date from an earlier house on the site, listed on the 1798 Federal Direct Tax. The house was renovated in 1941, with the construction of the east and west wings, the alteration of the chimney placement and significant interior alterations. The result is an imposing dwelling with a mix of historic and added antique features. Perrywood is also significant for its association with the Brooke family, who owned and resided at the property from 1793 through 1941, and for its association with William H. Tuck, who purchased and renovated it in 1941.

Acreage: 29 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Perrywood

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 13401 Oak Grove Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William F. Chesley

street &amp; number 13401 Oak Grove Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5437

street &amp; number Main Street folio 836

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Sites and Districts Plan, Room 4010, C.A.B.

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Perrywood is a five-by-three bay rectangular dwelling with low three bay east and west wings. It stands on a 29 acre parcel in the rural central County. The house is reached by two long gravel tree-lined access roads, one from Enterprise Road and the other from Oak Grove Road.

The five-bay north (main) facade has central entrance through a six-panel door with flanking three-light sidelights above wainscot panels. The door is surmounted by a three-light transom. The surround is composed of wide flat pilasters supporting a plain entablature above the doorway. Painted on the architrave is a Latin inscription, "Ille Terrarum Mihi Praeter Omnes Angulus Ridet." A quotation from the Latin poet Horace, it means "This spot is to me the most pleasant in the world."

Windows on the facade are 6/6 sash with plain wood surrounds and louvered shutters held in place by metal "S" shaped pins. The entry door and two flanking windows are sheltered by a three-bay entrance porch. The porch is set high on a brick foundation, reached by a flight of five masonry stairs. The flat porch roof is supported by four Doric columns. There are flat pilasters where the porch roof meets the wall. The porch has a full entablature and overhanging crown molded cornice.

The house is sided with flush horizontal wood siding, having narrow corner boards. It stands on a high brick foundation with windows in window wells. There is a wide frieze and modillioned overhanging cornice. The hipped slate roof of the main block is surmounted by a "widow's walk" with a wooden balustrade.

The three-bay east elevation of the main block has a wide centered exterior brick chimney. Two windows flank it on the second story, in the north and south bay. A small shed roof dormer centered above the facade is behind the chimney. It contains a 6/6 sash window and is slate-sided. The facade is dominated by the one story, four-by-two bay east wing. The wing is centered on the facade and slightly narrower than the main block. It is four bays on the north and south, with a hipped roof. The wing ends in an east one bay block with a gable roof and enclosed pediment on the north and south sides. The windows, siding and high brick foundation are the same as the main block. The east end has a large modern paneled garage door.

The five bay south elevation of the main block is similar in detail to the north elevation. Rather than a porch there is a brick terrace across the facade, reached by a flight of six brick stairs and surrounded by a metal balustrade. The central rear entry is a six-panel door with

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three-light sidelights above wainscot panels. The door is flanked by rectangular pilasters with capitals incorporated into the frieze and multi-course cornice above the door. The capitals support a round-arch banded molding above the door. Surmounted by a "keystone" this molding frames a louvered wooden fan.

The three-bay west facade of the main block is similar to the east facade. It has a centered exterior brick chimney. The shed-roof dormer behind the chimney has a wooden louvered opening rather than a window. Between the chimney and the south second story window an elevator shaft rises from first to second story. The first story is dominated by the centered four-by-three bay west wing. The wing has the same detail as the east wing except that the end gable roof pavillion contains a screened porch with round-arch arcaded openings.

The Perrywood interior has a central hall with flanking double parlor plan. The six-panel entry door has a one-step surround composed of an ogee molding with raised rectangular back band. The hall measures 33 feet 9 inches by 9 feet, 9 inches. There is a wide cornice along the ceiling composed of an egg-and-dart molding with a Greek key band below and a multi-course molding above. A chandelier is suspended from a circular medallion with a design of radiating acanthus leaves.

The open-string stair rises along the west wall of the hall, turns 90 degrees at a landing, turns 90 degrees once again and rises along the east wall to the second floor. There are two turned balusters to a stair step. The stair ends have jig-sawn brackets. The newel is a heavy turned post on a circular base, having a flattened top. The spandrel has inset rectangular wooden panels.

The varied width hard wood flooring has circular wooden pegs. It is modern material. The baseboard throughout the first floor is eight inches high and has an ogee cap.

Centered on the east wall of the stair hall are two doorways. The south door leads to a closet. The north door enters the northeast parlor. The door is six panels, of unpainted wood, having a large brass boxlock. The inner edge of each panel has a narrow half-round molding with an ABAB pattern of a flower blossom and a leaf. The parlor has a coved ceiling, with wood paneling covering the wall surface up to the wooden cornice. A small brass plate near the door in the east wall of the room identifies the paneling, "Gobian's Manor House, New Romford, Essex, built 1750."

The paneling has large rectangular inset panels, the exterior edge marked by the same half-round molding that defines the door panels. The chair-rail is a flat band with a carved wave pattern. The elaborate wooden cornice has multiple courses, including an ogee molding, a Greek Key band, a band of a stylized leaf design, and a wide crown molding with a center carved band. The room has three doorways, each with a door and surround matching the wall paneling. The surrounds are three-step, with

an inner bead-and-reel molding; the second step has an inner carved band and the outer molding has a bead, a convex molding with a stylized leaf and flower design and a rectangular back band. The room is warmed by a hearth in a diagonal wall in the southeast corner. The rectangular firebox opening is framed by a wide half-round molding with a carved daisy-in-a-circle design. The frieze is a wide half-round carved with a sheaf of oak leaves and acorns, with a crossed ribbon binding at the center. There is a band of egg-and-dart molding and a stylized leaf and flower molding similar to that on the door surrounds, beneath the rectangular mantel shelf.

On the west side of the stair hall is a centered arched doorway to a small entry vestibule giving access to the northwest parlor and the southwest dining room. The arched doorway is surmounted by large wooden key-stone. The entry vestibule has diagonal walls containing the entry doors to the two adjoining west rooms.

The northwest parlor also is covered with floor-to-ceiling wood paneling. A small metal plate identifies the paneling as "Home of Lord Fortescue, Shrews Lane and London Road, Twickenham, ca 1700." The doors are six-panel with wooden handles. The two-step door surround has a beaded ogee molding and a raised rectangular back band.

There is an elaborate pedestal chair-rail. The wood cornice has multiple courses of fascia. The room is warmed by a hearth in a diagonal wall in the southwest corner. The crosseted surround around the rectangular firebox opening is grey marble veined with white. The wooden mantel has a half-round frieze with the same oak leaf and acorn design as the mantel in the northeast parlor. There is a dentiled band and egg-and-dart molding beneath the rectangular mantel shelf.

The southwest dining room has the same cornice detail and baseboard as the stair hall. There is a simple ogee chair-rail. A medallion with an acanthus leaf design is centered in the ceiling. A hearth in the diagonal northwest wall has a large high wood mantel. The rectangular firebox opening is flanked by grooved pilasters on base blocks, supporting the wide frieze. The frieze has a wide centered rectangular keystone and is surmounted by a band of fluted molding. Small grooved pilasters flanking the frieze support the mantel shelf. In the southeast section of the house is the kitchen, which has been remodeled quite recently.

The open stair well has the same acanthus leaf medallion as that found in the first story stair hall. The stair landing has built-in bookshelving and is lighted by a second story window. The open stair well and small second story hall have the same cornice and baseboard as that in the first story stair hall.

There are four bedrooms on the second story, placed above the four first story rooms. The two west bedrooms have hearths in diagonal outer walls as do the northwest parlor and dining room below.

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The larger northwest bedroom has a wide cornice of floral swags, and an ogee chair-rail. The hearth, on the diagonal southwest wall has a rectangular firebox opening. The wooden mantel has flat rectangular pilasters, with vertical half-round banding. The frieze has horizontal half-round banding. Each pilaster is surmounted by a square block with the same half round banding arranged in concentric interior squares.

The smaller southwest bedroom has no cornice or chair-rail. The hearth, in the diagonal northwest hall, has a rectangular firebox opening with a marble surround. The plain wood mantel has flat rectangular pilasters which support raised capitals which support the mantel shelf. The frieze is unadorned. The small elevator in the dining room rises to this room and enters through the west wall.

The east wing of Perrywood adjoins the kitchen and contains an east-west hallway with adjoining service rooms. It ends in a garage at the east end. The west wing contains a single large room with a round-arch ceiling. There is a hearth with a plain stone surround in the east wall. French doors in the west wall lead to the screened west porch.

The Perrywood grounds are landscaped and quite scenic. The north yard is approached via a long gravel drive through a tree tunnel of a double row of oak or maple trees. The drive divides in front of the house, one branch heading east to the garage and then out to Oak Grove Road. The west branch encircles the front and west yard and leads to a brick cottage at the south (rear) of the house.

The immediate yard has a low brick wall across the front and white three-rail fencing defining the side and rear yards and the driveways. There is a circular gravel turnaround in front of the house. Views from the front porch are of the front yard with a small wood pavillion to the west. Farm fields stretch to the northwest and northeast, and the long entry drive is directly to the north. The rear yard has a pond, a brick cottage to the southwest and concrete block garage and outbuilding to the southeast. Farther south, obscured by trees, is another larger pond. A swimming pool surrounded by landscaping is in the west yard by the screened arcaded west porch.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify local history)

Specific dates ca. 1840

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Perrywood is architecturally significant for features of the main block dating from its construction ca.1840. The Georgian floor plan and dimensions of the main block may date from an earlier house on the site, listed on the 1798 Federal Direct Tax. The house was renovated in 1941, with the construction of the east and west wings, the alteration of the chimney placement and significant interior alterations. The result is an imposing dwelling with a mix of historic and added antique features. Perrywood is also significant for its association with the Brooke family, who owned and resided at the property from 1793 through 1941, and for its association with William H. Tuck, who purchased and renovated it in 1941.

The 800 acre tract of Perrywood, surveyed for Richard Perry in 1670,<sup>1</sup> was inherited early in the 18th century by the Murdock family. In 1765 William Murdock Esq. conveyed it by deed of gift to his eldest son, Addison Murdock, who lived on the tract until his death in 1793. In his will, Addison Murdock devised Perrywood to his brother-in-law, Reverend Clement Brooke.<sup>2</sup> From 1793 through its sale in 1941 Perrywood was held by members of the Brooke family.<sup>3</sup> The main block of the present dwelling was probably constructed ca. 1840 by Samuel Leake Brooke, who inherited part of the property from his father Clement Brooke, and bought up the rest of the 667 acre parcel from other heirs.<sup>4</sup> Samuel Brooke resided there until his death in 1869. Brooke may have constructed his dwelling based on the foundation and floor plan of the earlier Perrywood dwelling, as the dimensions of the main block, 34 x 44 feet, are close to the 30 x 50 dwelling assessed to Rev. Clement Brooke in the 1798 Federal Tax assessment.<sup>5</sup>

In 1941 the Brooke family sold the dwelling house and 318 acres to William Hallam and Hilda Bunge Tuck.<sup>6</sup> William H. Tuck was involved in international business and banking concerns, and also in public service, particularly in overseas relief efforts during World War I and II. He served as a Director-General of the International Refugee Organization, an agency of the United Nations, from 1947-1949. Tuck was a personal friend of Herbert Hoover's and served under Hoover in various capacities throughout his career.<sup>7</sup> Hoover was entertained at Perrywood on several occasions.

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The Tucks extensively renovated Perrywood, adding moldings and mantels on the interior, as well as covering the northeast and northwest parlors with 18th century British Georgian paneling. Exterior changes included the removal of a two story rear wing and the addition of low east and west service wings. The four central chimneys were removed and two were rebuilt centered on the east and west exterior walls. The flush horizontal wood siding probably also dates to the 1940's. Original exterior features include the front and rear doors, the porch columns and cornice detail. On the interior, the floor plan and stair case are original features.<sup>8</sup>

Notes

- 1 Prince George's Heritage, Louise J. Hinton, Maryland Historical Society, 1972, Map, "Tracts laid out in Charles County prior to April 23, 1696."
- 2 Prince George's County Land Records, 1:26, Will; Q:651; TT:463; 1:612, Will; T 1:331, Will.
- 3 See Chain of Title
- 4 #87 Equity; and Tax Assessment, District 3, 1839 and 1842.
- 5 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Collington and Western Branch Hundreds, Rev. Clement Brooke.
- 6 Land Records, 626:3.
- 7 National Cyclopedia of American Biography, Vol. 52, pg. 168.
- 8 According to Forrest Bowie, architect, 1979.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29 acres

Tax Map 76

Quadrangle name Lanham I

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historian, Susan Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1988

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city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 79-58 Date 1795-1830 ?

Building Name Perrywood

Location Largo Rd. at Oak Grove Rd., Upper Marlboro, Md.

Open to Public      yes   x   no

Perrywood is a two-story frame house with double hipped roof. The five-bay main (west) facade has a central doorway with transom and sidelights; a three-bay porch is supported by fluted Doric columns. The continuous boxed cornice has bed and crown mouldings and console brackets. Major alterations by the present owners include the replacement of four original interior chimneys by the present large exterior chimneys, one at each end of the central block, and the addition of balancing hyphens and wings to north and south.

The 800 acre tract of Perrywood was inherited early in the eighteenth century by the Murdock family; in 1765 William Murdock Esq., conveyed it by deed of gift to his eldest son, Addison Murdock, who lived on the tract until his death in 1793. In his will, Addison Murdock devised Perrywood (including his dwelling house) to his brother-in-law, Rev. Clement Brooke. From that time until the 1941 purchase by the present owners, Perrywood was held by the Brooke family, passing through five generations.

The present house appears to have been built in the first half of the nineteenth century; the dimensions of the central block, however, are very close to those of Rev. Clement Brooke's house at Perrywood, described in the 1798 federal tax assessment. Recent alterations have disguised the original fabric of the house, so it is possible that the central block of Perrywood is a rebuilt version of the 1798 house.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC Perrywood

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Oak Grove and Largo Road

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

Oak Grove

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

P.G.

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. William H. Tuck

Telephone #: 249-5096

STREET & NUMBER

Largo Road at Oak Grove Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20870

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 3968

Folio #: 495

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1974

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Perrywood is a two story frame building with double hipped roof. The five-bay main (west) facade has a central doorway with transom and sidelights; a three-bay porch is supported by fluted Doric columns. The continuous boxed cornice has bed and crown moldings and console brackets.

The central door on the east facade is surmounted by a keystone arch surrounding a semi-circle of fanned louvres. Both doors of the central block are original, as are the Doric columns on the west porch.

Several significant alterations were completed by the present owners. There is a large exterior chimney at each end of the main block, replacing the four original interior chimneys. A two-story south wing has been replaced by a one-story hyphen and wing, and a balancing garage wing has been added on the north.

The interior plan is a central hallway with stairs rising at the rear, with two flanking parlors on each side. The two western parlors have been paneled with Georgian wood panelling, imported from England by the present owners.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1795?, or ca. 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. P.G.County Will: #1:26
2. " Deed: TT:463
3. " Will: T#1:331
4. 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Prince George's County

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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P.G. County Wills: #1:26; T#1:331; T#1:441; WAM#1:454; WDA#17:361.  
P.G. County Deeds: Q:651; TT:463; HB#4:790; 626:3; 3968:495.  
P.G. County Equity #87.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

Project Co-ordinator

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical &amp; Cultural Trust

DATE

March 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Maryland 20840

STATE

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NOMINATION FORM

(New) - P.G. # 7958

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Perrywood or Brooke House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Oak Grove Road (Rte. 556)					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. William Hallem Tuck					
STREET AND NUMBER: Oak Grove Road (Rte. 556)					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: MNCPPC					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two-story, frame building with flush board siding. The five-bay main (west) facade has a central doorway and 6/6 double-hung sash windows. The doorway has both transom and sidelights and is flanked by pilasters with caps. The porch is three bays, with fluted doric columns and a full entablature. The rear doorway has a keystone arch with a light with fanned louvers.</p> <p>At either end there are large external chimneys, the stacks of which break through the cornice that continues around the building. The cornice is boxed above the frieze with bed and crown mouldings and console brackets. The roof is a double hip, with a balustrade where the pitch changes.</p> <p>On either end there are one-story wings terminating in fully pedimented pavillions. They also have flush board siding. The three bays of the wings are 6/6 double hung sash. The south pavillion has a segmentally arched opening and the north a window.</p>	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1830

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | lasophy                                 | _____                                    |
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Perrywood" has long been associated with the Brooke family, although they actually acquired the land and house by marriage. The estate, surveyed for Richard Perry in 1670, belonged to William Barton, Jr., who left it to his daughter, Katherine Barton Murdock, in 1705. Katherine and her husband, Captain John Murdock, devised the estate to their son, William (1700-1769), and he in turn left it to his oldest son Addison Murdock, born in 1731. In the 1790's, Addison died a bachelor, and he devised to his brother-in-law, Rev. Clement Brooke, "my dwelling house with 500 acres of Perrywood contiguous to the dwelling house."

Rev. Clement Brooke had been ordained in 1755 by the Lord Bishop of London and became a missionary in New Castle. Subsequently, he served as curate of St. Anne's, Annapolis, and as rector of Prince George's Parish (in what is now Montgomery County) and of St. Andrew's, St. Mary's County. In 1762 he went to Virginia; being a loyalist, he resigned his living in 1776 and returned to his Prince George's County estate. Before 1800, he inherited Perrywood, which on his death in 1808 passed to his son, Clement Brooke, Jr., who probably built the present house. His son, Samuel Leake Brooke, inherited his father's estate, which subsequently passed to Upton B. Brooke.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bowie, Effie Gwynn. Across the Years in Prince George's County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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NAME AND TITLE:	
Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
MNCPPC	8 Oct 74
STREET AND NUMBER:	
8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Silver Spring	Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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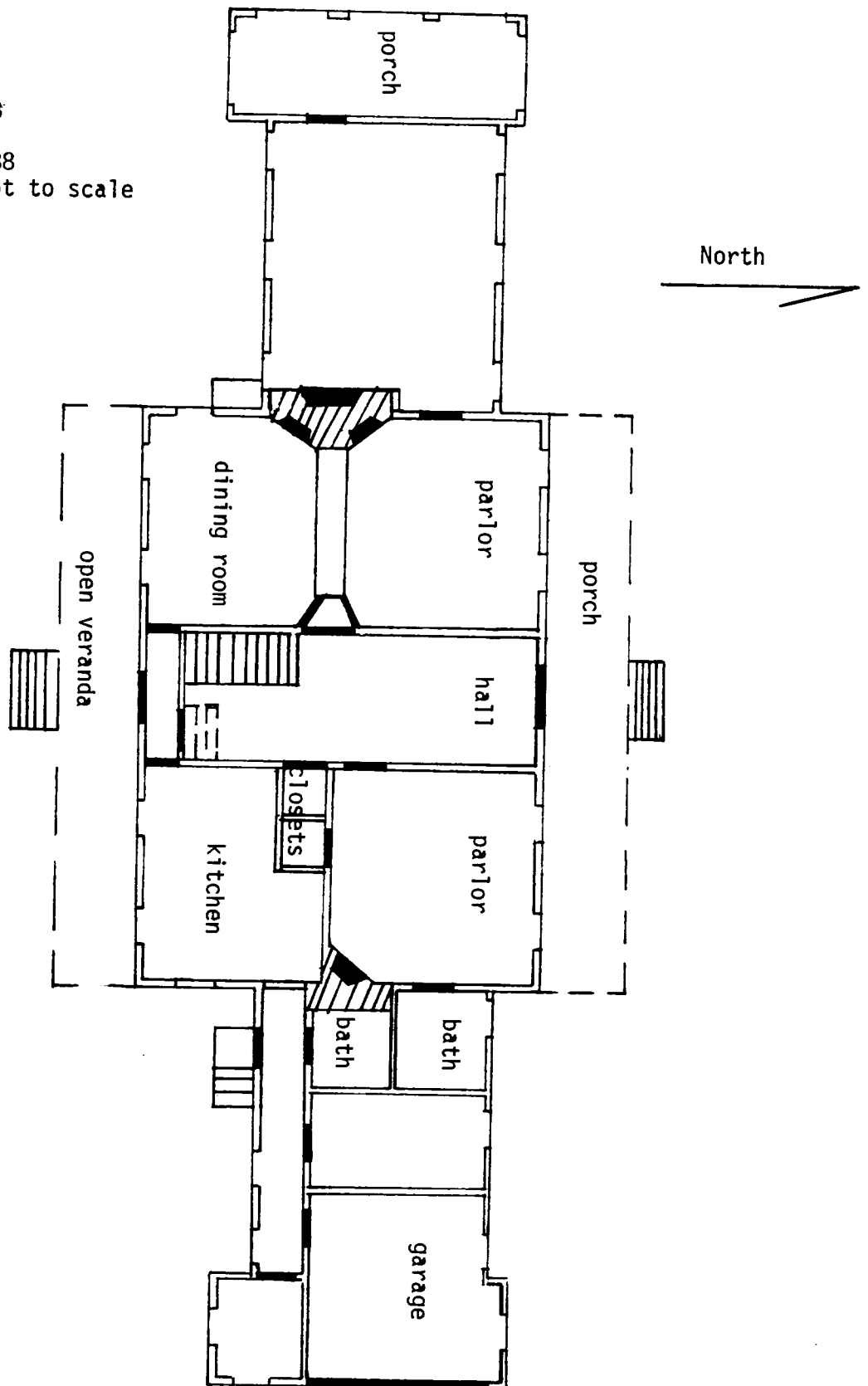
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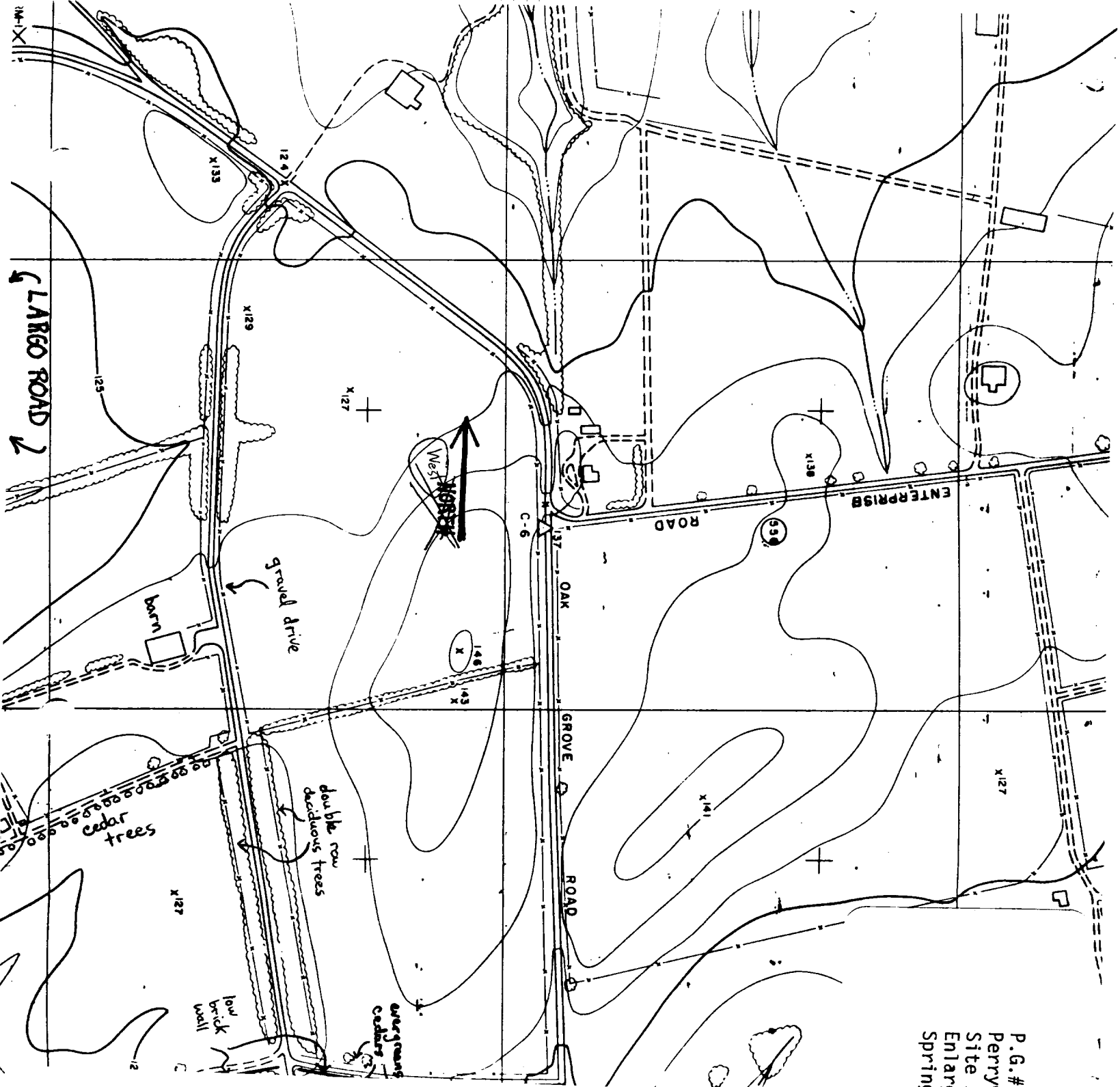
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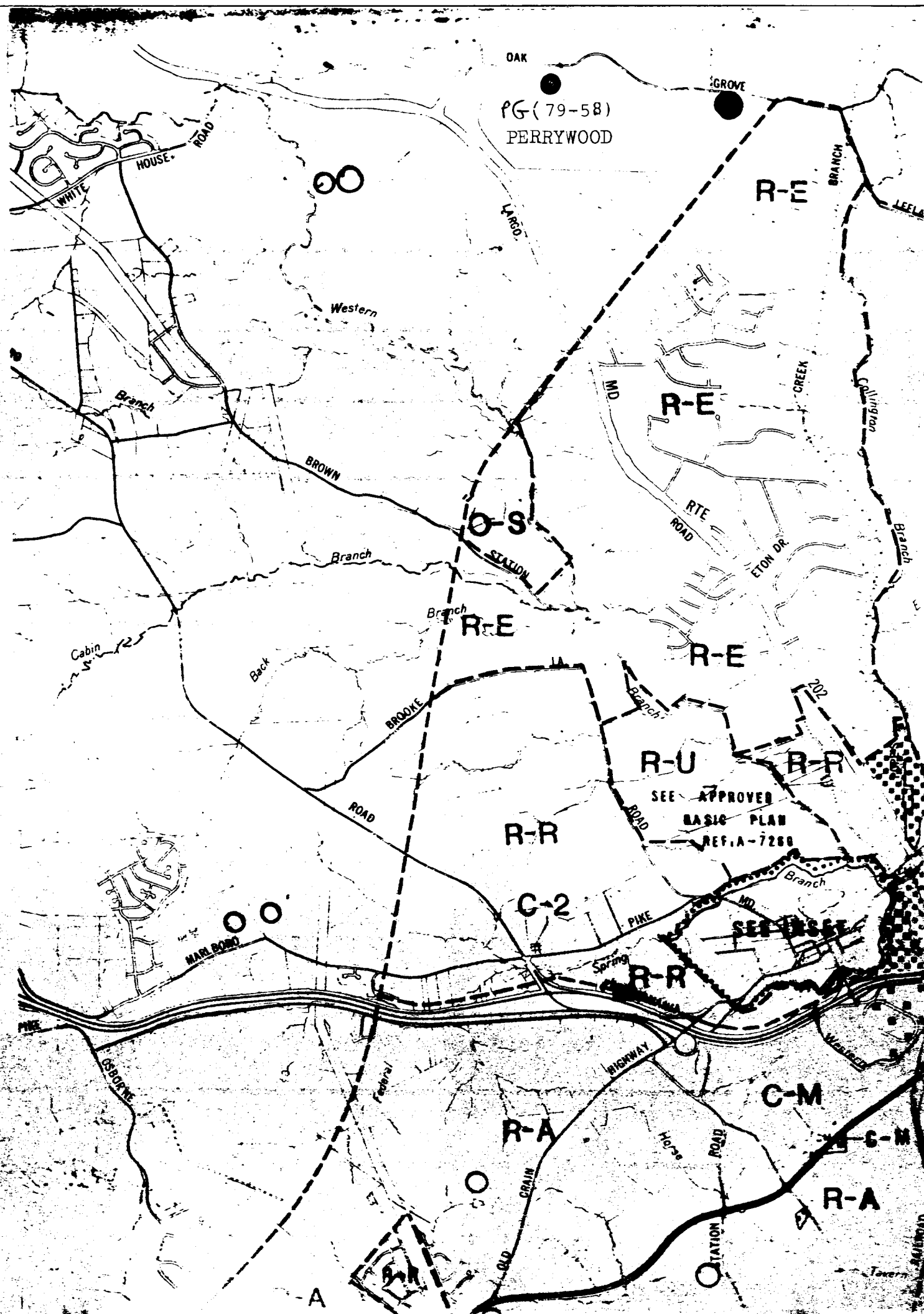


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MD

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Marina King

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NW parlor mantel

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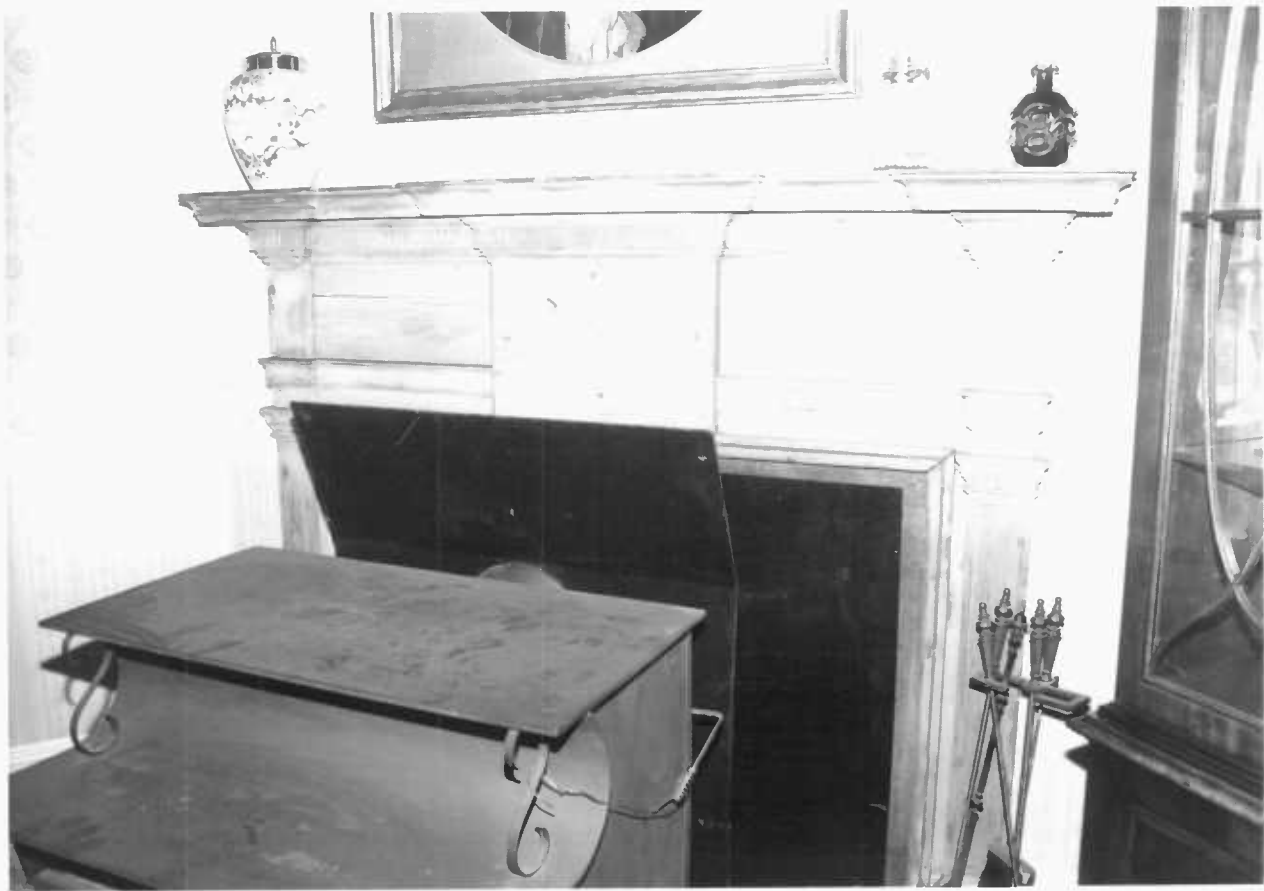
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Dining room mantel

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Dining room, looking E

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Perrywood  
Prince George's  
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Marina King  
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Hall, looking N  
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Stair hall, looking S

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Berrywood

Prince George's County, MD

P. 5000, King

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2nd floor hall

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Stair detail

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Perrywood

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Visiting time

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NW bedroom

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NAME PERRYWOOD (PG #79-58)

LOCATION OAK GROVE RD NEAR Rt 556 LARGO, Md

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